

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 3-7 and 9-18, without prejudice or disclaimer, and AMEND claims 1, 2, and 19, in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A pouch-type lithium secondary battery comprising:
a battery unit comprising:
a positive electrode plate,
a separator, and
a negative electrode plate,
wherein the separator is disposed between the positive and negative electrode plates;
electrode tabs extending from each of the positive and negative electrode plates ~~of the battery unit, respectively;~~
a case having a space to accommodate the battery unit;
a sealing surface along the periphery of the space; and
a protection circuit board directly electrically connected to the positive and negative electrode plates, via the electrode tabs, wherein;
wherein portions of each of the electrode tabs extend from the positive and negative electrode plates, throughout the case, and are then bent only once at a substantially right angle with respect to a plane of the sealing surface, without extending beyond a thickness of the case, and
wherein the protection circuit board is disposed between an outer wall of the case and the bent electrode tabs.
2. (Currently Amended) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, wherein the electrode tabs are disposed parallel to the outer wall of the case, in an upright position, and are perpendicular to a contact surface at which the sealing surface is

~~contacted bent a predetermined length from a leading edge of the sealing surface in a thickness direction of the case.~~

3-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1, further comprising insulating tape to provide electrical insulation between the electrode tabs and the sealing surface, wherein the insulating tape is wrapped around the portions of the electrode tabs bent from a leading edge of the sealing surface.

9-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) TheA pouch-type lithium secondary battery of claim 1comprising:

a battery unit comprising:

a positive electrode plate;

a separator; and

a negative electrode plate;

wherein the separator is disposed between the positive and negative electrode plates;

electrode tabs extending from each of the positive and negative electrode plates of the battery unit, respectively;

a case having a space to accommodate the battery unit;

a sealing surface along the periphery of the space; and

a protection circuit board electrically connected to the electrode tabs;

wherein portions of each of the electrode tabs extend outside the case, and are bent only once in an upright position with respect to a plane of the sealing surface and connect to the protection circuit board on a side opposite to thean outer wall of the case.